

**Commissioned Ruling Elder to Particular Pastoral Service**  
(known as **Commissioned Pastor** or CP in the PCUSA Book of Order)  
**EDUCATIONAL/PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Coursework: Training to be commissioned as a CRE includes coursework in a variety of disciplines to fully equip a CRE candidate as a ministry practitioner of the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition. The specific set of classes that will be required for the CRE candidate will fulfill will be tailored to the specific needs of the ministry to which they will be commissioned. The CRE candidate, together with their liaison and the CRE Subcommittee, will jointly discuss and determine the specific set of educational requirements, as well as any internship, externship, or practical learning modalities as needed. The following are some of the classes that might be considered:

**1. Theology**

- Reformed Theology
- Reformed Worship/Sacraments
- Theological Ethics
- Missional Ecclesiology

**2. Biblical Studies and Comparative Religions**

- Hermeneutics
- Overview of the Bible
- Biblical Exegesis
- Comparative Religions

**3. Practical Ministry**

- \*Multi-Cultural Church Leadership
- Community-Based Mission
- Organizational Leadership
- Liturgy Development
- Finance/Administration

**4. Pastoral Care and Ministry**

- \*PCUSA Church Polity
- Pastoral Counseling
- Pastoral Self-Care
- Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution
- Homiletics
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Directed Experiential Learning**

*In the space below, please provide the Educational/Practical requirements agreed upon between the CRE candidate, liaison, and the CRE Subcommittee*

**Signatures:**

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
CRE Program Liaison \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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